checking reported cases, inspecting the various Leper Clinics giving advice and instruction and doing active propaganda work; and if so,

(b) whether they have considered this suggestion and approved of it; and if not,

(c) what is the reason for not approving it?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Yes.

(b) The question is under consideration of the Government.

(c) Does not arise in view of answer to sub-division (b).

Leper Clinics.

12. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) how many Leper Clinics are there in the State;

(b) where are they located;

(c) how many patients attended each of these clinics annually in the last three years for treatment?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Eight.

(b)
1. Trichur
2. Chalakkudi
3. Kunnamkulam
4. Irinjalakkuda
5. Cranganur
6. Pazhanji
7. Narakkal
8. Trippunittura

(c)	1106	1107	1108
Trichur	5	6	15
Chalakkudi	No leper patients treated but were directed to the Leper Asylum, Adoor		
Kunnamkulam	Nil	171	223
Irinjalakkuda	Nil	6	22
Cranganur	26	35	15
Pazhanji	Nil	41	56
Narakkal	13	16	59
Trippunittura	Nil	52	82

Lepers—Kunnamkulam.

13. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) how many lepers there are in Kunnamkulam village;

(b) whether the number of lepers in Kunnamkulam is increasing;

(c) whether a survey of Kunnamkulam village has been made to ascertain the correct number of lepers in the village; and if not;

(d) whether such a survey will be made;

(e) what will be the expense for the survey referred to?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Exact number not known.

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(b) No definite answer can be given as their number has not been verified from time to time.

(c) No such survey has been made beyond that done along with the recent census operations.

(d) A leprosy survey of the State is under consideration

(e) About Rs. 200 for the village of Kunnamkulam.

Road in Kunnamkulam.

14. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform what steps have been taken by the Government to utilise the amount of Rs. 2,000 provided in the current year's budget for opening a road on the western side of southern bazaar and to finish the work before the end of the year?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The place has been inspected by the Chief Medical Officer in charge; the alignment of the road to be constructed has been fixed and the Council Member for Kunnamkulam has been asked to use his influence for the surrender of land free of cost. Steps are being taken for the acquisition of other plots which have to be acquired under the Land Acquisition Regulation.

Nadupanthy.

15. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether effective steps have been taken by the Government to utilise fully the amount of Rs. 5,000 provided in the budget for 1109 for widening the Nadupanthy road in Kunnamkulam before the close of the year; and if so, what are the steps taken?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. Arrangements are being made for the acquisition of sites necessary for widening the place where the four roads meet.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether the Government will expedite this matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr K. T. Mathew.—What steps are taken by the Government to expedite the matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think a report is due as to the exact site that has to be acquired. There was a proposal to acquire a portion of the house. That question is still under correspondence.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know the name of the head of the department from whom the Government is expecting a report?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think it is from the Diwan Peishkar and the Chief Engineer. The Diwan Peishkar has already submitted his report. We expect a report from the Chief Engineer.

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